



# Medicaid Transportation Program

OCTOBER 2011







#### **Available Services to Medicaid Recipients**

- Personal Mileage and Bus
- Commercial Transportation Services
- Specialized Non-emergency
   Transportation (Wheelchair Van) Services
- Ambulance
- Travel Attendants





## **Transportation Call Center**

# **Mountain-Pacific Quality Health**

The State contracts with MPQH to administer the *Medicaid Transportation Program*.

MPQH performs medical reviews and prior authorization for nonemergency travel.

The Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) govern the decisions made by MPQH on the use of Medicaid funds for transportation services. <a href="http://www.mtrules.org/">http://www.mtrules.org/</a>

1-800-292-7114 Toll Free, Voice Mail 24/7

1-800-291-7791 Toll Free, Fax Line Transportation Center Hours: 8:00 to 5:00 M-F



## **Personal Mileage**

#### **Covered Services**

- Mileage and Per Diem associated with travel to necessary medical care which is covered by the Montana Medicaid program. Prior authorization is required.
  - Private Vehicle Use at \$.33 per mile.
  - Closest provider or Center of Excellence.
  - Emergent personal transportation and per diem must be reviewed within 30 days of the treatment.



## **Per Diem**

- Hotel is reimbursed at the rate of \$25 per night, with a receipt, when the trip cannot reasonably be made in a day.
- Meals are reimbursed up to \$15 per day.
- Reimbursement is made to the recipient or their named person, after the trip and appointment has been verified kept.





## Mileage and Bus Fare

#### **Service Limitations**



- Prior Authorization is required.
- Mileage is approved for the distance to the closest site of services.
- Bus fares are approved to covered services.
- Wheelchair Van or Commercial cannot be approved when client has access to and ability to use the bus.



## **Commercial Transportation**

#### **Covered Services**

- Commercial transportation associated with travel to necessary medical care which is covered by the Montana Medicaid program.
  - \$12.36 per ride, one way rides under 16 miles.
  - \$24.72 per round trip <16 miles.</li>
  - \$ 1.04 per mile for trips over 16 miles.

Providers bill ACS for Medicaid payment on approved rides.



## **Commercial Transportation**

#### **Service Limitations**

- Prior Authorization is required.
- Approved when client has no other means of transportation.
- Approved when travel requested is to the closest site of services.
- Provider must have Class B Public Service Commission License.



## **Specialized Transportation**

#### **Covered Services**

- Specialized Non-emergency transportation associated with travel to necessary medical care which is covered by the Montana Medicaid Program. Prior Authorization required.
  - \$12.36 per ride, one way rides under 16 miles.
  - \$24.72 per round trip <16 miles.</li>
  - \$ 1.04 per mile for trips over 16 miles.

Providers bill ACS for Medicaid payment on approved rides.





## **Specialized Transportation**

#### **Service Limitations**



- Prior Authorization is required.
- Approved when client is wheelchair bound and has no other means of transportation.
- Approved when travel requested is to the closest site of services.
- Provider must have Class B Public Service Commission License or be an organization(5310 or 5311 funding) exempt from PSC licensing.



## **Ambulance**



- Medical condition requires transportation by ambulance to the nearest appropriate facility.
- Reviewed for medical necessity.
- Report the trip within 180 days for authorization.
- Direct line for Ambulance review, questions, etc: 1-877-362-5861.
- Ambulance Fax line: 1-877-362-5862.



## **Travel Attendant**

- ❖ Transportation and per diem coverage for an attendant is only available when determined to be medically necessary.
- Use of an attendant must be prior authorized.

Coverage for the attendant is limited to the same standards and fees as the recipients.





## Resources

#### Provider Websites:

- http://www.mtmedicaid.org
  - Click on Resources By Provider Type
    - Fee Schedule (current 08/2011)
    - Provider Manual
  - Click on Provider Newsletters
    - Claim Jumper
- MT Access to Health Web Portal
  - <a href="https://mtaccesstohealth.acs-shc.com/mt">https://mtaccesstohealth.acs-shc.com/mt</a>
  - Check eligibility, claim status, Statement of Remittance (eSOR)



#### **More Resources**

## ACS Provider Relations

- -800-624-3958 Toll free number
- -406-442-1837 Local Helena number

## • **DPHHS Transportation** Program Officer

Jan Paulsen

-406-444-4189 Phone

-406-444-1861 Fax





## **MPQH**

## **Authorizations**

Mountain-Pacific Quality Health Medicaid Transportation PO Box 6488 Helena, MT 59604



(800) 292-7114 Call Center Toll Free Number

(800) 291-7791 Toll Free Fax

(877) 362-5861 Ambulance Toll Free line

(877) 362-5862 Ambulance Toll Free Fax Line



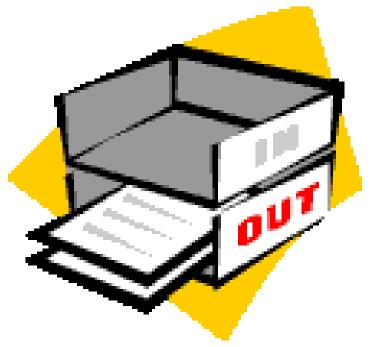


## **Paper Claims**

Claims Processing Unit

P.O. Box 8000

Helena, MT 59604





## **Closing**

## **Questions and Answers**



**THANK YOU!**